IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Inventors: Naoyasu MIYAGAWA, et al. Prior Art Unit: 2655

Appln No.: Continuation Application Prior Examiner: N. Hindi

of Serial No. 09/420,603 filed October 19, 1999

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For: OPTICAL RECORDING/REPRODUCING APPARATUS FOR OPTICAL

DISKS WITH VARIOUS DISK SUBSTRATE THICKNESS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Please further amend the above-captioned application as follows: